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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following title:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, replace the paragraph from line 4 to line 7 with the following paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for coating webs of paper and board
or for surface sizing the same in order to improve their printability, strength or other
qualities.--

Page 1, delete the paragraph beginning on line 9.

Page 1, before line 12, insert the following title:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, replace the three paragraphs from line 17 to line 35 with the following three
paragraphs: